

PHIP Access Committee Minutes, September 22, 2005

Conference call participants: Regina Delahaunt, Sherrie McDonald, Larry Jecha, Kim Thorburn, Joan Brewster, Greg Vigdor

Staff: Mary Looker

Absent: Tom Locke, Nancy Goodloe, Marie Flake

The agenda for this call :

1. Develop recommendations for PHIP
2. agree upon the elements for the best or promising practices, (Marie Flake sent this link to a national model through NACCHO

<http://www.naccho.org/search.cfm?topicID=109&numresults=all&showabstract=yes>

This model looks to have some of the Key elements we discussed

3. test it by using Whatcom co. info
- 4 ask for additional models from larger WSALPHO list serve,
5. Discussion of WSALPHO paper-Ward Hines
6. Pick time for next calls/meeting

Joan gave us an update of activities, timeline to complete necessary for the 2005-07 PHIP. Recognizing we are just getting our committee work started, we will most likely repeat some recommendations for the next report. The chapter on access can have our progress to date on what we are accomplishing and the work that needs to continue. This work is due to the editor Oct-Nov ready to publish in December.

Committee members reviewed the data elements of our models discussion to include:

define the focus area- ex. medical/ dental/ mental

identify participants

funding

how active was project

mission/goals/objectives

accomplishments to date

organizational structure- ex. 501-3C

obstacles/barriers to success/system problems

sustainability

what was the role of public health

The elements from the NACCHO model were reviewed. Many of these overlapped and were stated differently but the same elements.

Regina Delahunt offered to create a table for identifying models with the plan to have a 2 page narrative of the elements described in more detail. She will complete by September 30. Sherrie McDonald will replicate for Thurston Co. to further test the template for use with other counties. Once tested and refined, we will be ready to send out request of others through WSALPHO to gather additional models working on Access.

Summary of the discussion of Ward Hines/ WSALPHO paper:

There is a distinct difference in what our work is and this position paper.

Important for Health Officers of the state to have a position on access and WSALPHO is place to have this platform.

Our committee work is to recognize Access is something Public Health should be involved in, there is a role which needs to be defined, and the public health role is connected but separate to the larger system problems of our health care delivery system. The committee's policy paper will need to define the role, the models we are collecting will give us the background for all of the possible roles; e.g. provide some amount of \$, staff resources, grant writing, collect and provide and data, convener, organizer, provide moral leadership, etc. Additionally, the paper should include the crisis being experienced and the differences across communities, difficulty in finding leadership to address, the importance of solutions at local level, the barriers to addressing access and the overall state and federal policy issues.

Next steps: By September 30, Regina will send to all committee members the Whatcom Co. model using elements and create a template form. Sherrie will send out the Thurston Co. model using the form by Oct. 7. Recommendations will need to be written and submitted. Mary will write up draft recommendations to be reviewed by co-chairs, then reviewed by committee.

Next meeting: Conference call, October 14, 11 am-12 pm.

Addendum to meeting notes: Sherrie McDonald, Larry Jecha, and Mary Looker will present the access committee work at the Joint Public Health Conference, Wednesday, October 6. Helping People Get the Services They Need-How Local and State Health Departments are Responding to the PHIP Access Standards. Committee members by email approved use of the template in its initial form to help describe the work of the committee.